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of California, Mrs. John Lee
Dinwiddle of Indiana, Mrs. Kent
Hamilton of Ohio, Mrs. Samuel
McKnight Green of Missouri
and Mrs. Sheppard W. Foster

the past, and the rivalry for the various offices, from president general through the list, ended for another two years, today's sessions of the twenty ourth Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution were given up to routine consideration of reports, reading of announcements,

ing, the invocation was offered by Rev. Henry N. Couden, blind chaplain of the House of Representatives. The reading of the minutes of vesterday's sessions occupied almost half an hour of the ession, following which Mrs. Charles B. Goldsborough, chairman of the transortation committee, read her report and described the transcontinental tour to be made by the Daughters next fall. The tours, there being a north and a outh tour, are being arranged for the y in San Francisco is to be a two-session of the society. Details of tours were given by Mrs. Golds-ough, the president general urging t as many Daughters as possible ticipate in one or the other of the

Other Reports Presented.

other reports presented at today's sessions were those of the committee lumbia militia, to succeed Gen. Albert on publications, Mrs. George D. Cheno- Ordway, deceased. weth, chairman; committee on children and sons of the republic, Mrs. Margaret L. H. Hicks, chairman; committee for prevention of desecration of the flag, Mrs. George B. Macfarlane, chairman; committee on preservation of historic protects, Mrs. Robert T. Reinman, chairman; committee on plea to Congress for the preservation of the home of John Paul Jones, Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, chairman; buildings and grounds, Mrs. Samuel Spencer, chairman; national old trails road, Miss Elizabeth B. Gentry, chairman, and Franco-American, Mrs. Alice Bradford Wiles, chairman. weth, chairman; committee on children

Wiles, chairman.

At tonight's session reports of state regents are to be heard, with presentaon of gifts and singing of state songs.

Mrs. J. Eakin Gadsby, chairman of the ttee, today issued a statement press committee, today issued a statement regarding the criticism which has been directed against the work of her com-(Continued on Seventeenth Page.)

BRIG. GEN. HARRIES SEEKS RETIREMENT

Transcontinental Tours North Commander of District Militia Makes Personal Request of Secretary of War.

> FINDS PRIVATE BUSINESS **KEEPS HIM OUT OF CITY**

Delegates Asked to Come to Home at | Had Hoped to Remain Until New Armory Was Constructed-In Guard Twenty-Six Years.



GEN. GEORGE H. HARRIES.

Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, com manding the District of Columbia militia since November 30, 1897, and a member of the organization continuously for more than twenty-six years, this afternoon applied for retirement. Gen. Harries arrived in Washington transacting some pressing business proceeded to the War Department and personally requested the Secretary of War to take the necessary action that will result in his name being transferred from the active to the retired list. Under the law, Gen. Harries is entitled to retire with increased rank, and it is understood that a new commission will be issued to him by the President of the United States as major

Gen. Harries made a statement to a reporter for The Star, after leaving ecretary Garrison's office, in which he

"With the hope that I might at least leave to the National Guard of the District of Columbia the legislation authorizing the construction and equip-ment of a suitable armory, I have remained in command for a much longer period than I anticipated when my principal business compelled me to spend the major portion of my time

spend the major portion of my time away from the District.

"Occasionally it has seemed as though I might establish my business headquarters here, or in New York, in which event I would have been able to give to the brigade the close personal attention which I had given it through many years. But the trend of my effort was constantly westward and it has now become evident that my never-ceasing desire to return to my actual residence in Washington will not materialize for some years.

Private Business More Exacting. "My engineering and commercial re-

sponsibilties have increased greatly

and are continually becoming more compelling; so it is no longer possible of such energy as I may possess to the organization which has possessed me for twenty-six years, and which, for more than seventeen years, I have had Invitations From the West.

Invitations to stop in various parts of the west were extended by Mrs. Tarbell, state regent of Colorado, and by state officers of the society in Utah. Missouri, Texas and other states.

A special invitation was read from Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who asked that the Daughters en tour visit her at her home at Palo Alto, Cal. Mrs. Hearst promised in her invitation to furnish special trains to carry the visiting Daughters to and from her home. A fising vote of thanks was tendered by

paughters to and from her home. A rising vote of thanks was tendered by the congress to Mrs. Hearst and the others whose hospitality had been of-In her report Mrs. Goldsborough also stated that the official guide for the present congress had been published at a profit of \$200, which amount she turned over to Mrs. Story for use in reducing the debt on Memorial Continental Hall.

An address on conservation was delivered by Herbert A. Smith, editor of the Forest Service, after which Mrs. Ernest A. Allan, chairman of the society's committee on conservation, read her report.

A feature attending the reading by Mrs. Joseph H. Dearborn, chairman of the committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies for Memorial Continental Hall, of her committee on revolutionary relies. Most important of the society by Miss Annie Nourse of Frankfort, Ky., the presentation being by Mrs William Lindsay of Kentucky, honorary vice president.

Other Reports Presented. He laid the foundations, broad and

November 30, 1897, President McKin ley appointed Gen. Harries as brigadier general commanding the District of Co-

He was born in Wales, and came to

Rounds as government printer. V. Mr. Rounds went to Omaha and bo the Republican, Mr. Harries went with him and became a reporter on that paper. He returned to this city and was for some time on the staff of the National Republican.

National Republican.

When that paper was absorbed by the Post, Mr. Harries was said to be the (Continued on Fourth Page.)

ROOSEVELT UNDER IVINS' CROSS-FIRE

Counsel for William Barnes Searches Former President's Past Life.

HELD THE GOVERNORSHIP ILLEGALLY, IS CHARGED

Attempt to Show Colonel Knew He Was Not Qualified When Elected.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 22.- During first part of his cross-examination Theodore Roosevelt today William ivins, chief counsel for William Barnes who is suing for \$50,000 libel damages prought from the former President the statement that he knew the constituion of the state of New York provides hat no man is eligible to the office of overnor unless he has been a resident of the state for five years prior to the iate of his election, and that he had nade an affidavit the year previous to his.own election that he was and for some time had been a resident of

Col. Roosevelt's counsel made no obioning which resulted in these state-

"Loaded" for the Colonel.

Three bundles of paper containing otes and two suit cases of records and amphlets were taken into the supreme ourt today by counsel for William Barnes. The documents were to be used by William Ivins in his cross-exmination of Col. Roosevelt.

Mr. Barnes himself was said to have suggested many questions for his op-ponent to answer. ponent to answer.

William Loeb, Jr., secretary to Col.
Roosevelt when he was President, and
later collector of the port of New York.
was an early arrival at the courthouse.
Mr. Loeb was under subpoena and it
was considered probable that he would
be the next witness for the defense
after the cross-examination of the
colonel was ended.

Printing Report Admitted.

There was some delay in opening court because of a conference between attorneys and Justice Andrews in the latter's chambers. When the confer ence was over court was opened. A copy of the report of the Bayne con copy of the report of the Bayne com-mittee, which investigated Albany county affairs, in so far as it related to printing, was admitted to the record. This had to do with contracts for state printing let to the Albany Journal, Mr. Barnes' paper, and other concerns, and the assignment of certain of these con-tracts.

the assignment of certain of these contracts.

Excerpts from the report were read. The first part had to do with gambling, disorderly houses and the payment of money to various officials for doing various things. The report of the committee was made in 1911.

The majority of the stock of the Albany Journal Company, the report pointed out, was owned by William Barnes; that contracts let to the Journal Company were farmed out to the Argus Company, which paid the Journal Company 15 per cent.

In Control of Printing.

The report stated William Barnes controlled printing in Albany, practically was owner of one company, owned one fourth of another company and collected tribute from the third company. The report declared that an

bearing that concern's imprint actually were printed by the Argus company. "Padding of public printing for the benefit of the Journal company" was described by the report. Another par printing made to the Journal o

A "Beneficiary of Graft."

One excerpt was: "The most conspicuous beneficiary of graft, public extravagance and raiding of the municipal treasury we find from the evi as the owner of the majority of the as the owner of the majority of the stock of the Journal company. How much more than the majority of its stock he owned he refused to disclose."

Another excerpt read: "Mr. Barnes dictated where the printing goes and the Argus gives up to the Journal in order to obtain printing."

The par value of Mr. Barnes' stock in the Lyon concern was \$75,000, the report stated, with the comment that Mr. Barnes would not say how he got it.

got it.

Articles which appeared in the New
Articles and newspapers about

Sought Wide Publicity.

"The Murphy-Barnes conspiracy" was required, but Worcester finally was also mentioned in the articles. After the articles were read, Col. Roosevelt resumed the stand and explained how offense in connection with a mining ne gave out the offending statement.

of no other means except the news-papers."
The cross-examination then began.
Mr. Ivins began by asking Col. Roose-velt about his early life.
"Did you ever study the Constitu-

tion?"
"I did while I was studying law in Columbia University. Later, however, I became an author "Have you always been an author?"

Author and Naturalist. "I have been a naturalist, an author and a public official. Sometimes I have followed all three pursuits simulta-

eously. The crowd in the courtroom laughed "What district were you elected to the assembly from?"

"The twenty-first."
"Mr. Hesse, a boss, was the leader wasn't he-"
"Yes. We beat Hesse," replied the

otlonel, with a smile.

Mr. Ivins was sitting in a chair directly in front of the witness stand.

"When you read the constitution of (Continued on Second Page.)



News Note-Tammany Has Voted to Move Uptown from Its Old 14th Street Home.

FRANSPORT SUMNER CARRIES ONLY 300

Rest of 5.000 Foreigners at Tampico Elect to Remain There.

OBREGON'S ARMY STILL IN PURSUIT OF VILLA

Reported to Be Twelve Miles North of Irapuato, With a Force

of 40,000 Men.

employe of the Argus company testified before the committee that the company gave up 15 per cent in order to obtain printing business.

It was stated that the Argus company the description of the United States government's offer of an United States government's offer of an opportunity to leave on the army transport Sumner There are 285 Americans ten British and five German subjects

on the ship, which has sailed. Skirmishing between Carranza and Villa forces near Ebano continues organizing his forces, and Gen. Obregon was reported past Irapuato, despite the fact that Villa had destroyed the rail

Obregon Has 40.000 Men.

Dispatches from Vera Cruz to the Carranza agency here said Gen. Obre gon had reached a roint twelve mile north of Irapuato and still was pursulence, to be William Barnes, himself, ing Villa with an army of 40,000, including Gen. Mergui's command. Gen. Dieguez, the dispatches said, has Guadalajara and would act as Obregon's rear guard. Villa losses at Celaya were estimated at 6,000 killed

Gen. Obregon Occupies Irapuato. The Carranza agency here last nigh

innounced it had received dispatches from Vera Cruz stating Gen. Obregor had reported he had occupied Irapuato, and that "Villa continued to flee north." York magazines and newspapers about Albany politics were then admitted to the record. Theterms "machine polltics," "Boss Barnes and Boss Platt" authorities at Chihuhua, was announced by the State Department last American imprisoned by the Villa authorities at Chihuhua. uthorities at Chihuhua, was an-ounced by the State Department last vening. The Mexican court refused to accept a draft for the amount of bond

he gave out the offending statement.

"I dictated the statement and gave it to Mr. McGrath, my secretary, and told him to give it to newspaper correspondents at Oyster Bay. I desired the statement to be published in full throughout New York state. I believed it would receive some publicity outside the state. "I wanted to reach the voters. I knew of no other means except the newspapers."

The cross-examination then began.

Protest Huerta's Presence.

A dispatch to the lieves he possesses a charmed life. Tuesofficers of Villa's army formerly in the day night Stewart was struck by Mexican federal service. appeared be- lightning at his home here and ren fore the American consul there and protested against the stay of former Provisional President Victoriana Huerta in he United States.

"The consul endeavored to convince in sand in an alley a short distance them that there was no disrespect to the people of Mexico on the part of the United States in permitting Huerta to remain in its territory, and after some conversation, in which the ex-federal

generals stated their reasons in support of the protest, they asserted that the United States must be convinced of the guilt of Huerta since it had never recognized him. They declared that tomorrow they would present their formal protest in writing."

SIX BODIES FOUND;

TIVE ADE MICCIN Carranzistas to Occupy San Blas.

ON BOARD U. S. S. COLORADO, A PAZ, Mexico, April 21, by radio to an Diego, April 22.-Carranza customi officials, accompanied by 100 soldiers, sailed today on board the steamer Kor-rian III from Mazatlan for San Blas, Tepic, recently evacuated by Villa forces to take active possession of the town. Col. Obregon, a brother of the Carranz, eneral, has been military commandan t Mazatlan.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., April 22.—Gen Rosalio Hernandez, who had been report ed about to attack the Carranza garri son at Nuevo Laredo, returned last night legras, opposite here. No explanation of the return was given.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 22.-The Carranza consulate here today announce that travelers reaching Rio Grande City. Tex., from Monterey said the city was being evacuated by the Villa forces.

MISUSED FUNDS, IS CHARGED. Officers of New York Fair Association Are Indicted.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 22.-Mayor John ing a heavy rainstorm. R. Earl, Postmaster R. Nathaniel Roberts, E. Ellis Crosby, J. Milton Wood-among the ruins declared the death list would reach at least eleven. Up to this of Lockport, have been indicted on afternoon six bodies had been recovered charges growing out of the alleged and five other persons believed to have misuse of funds of the Niagara county been in the crowded buildings when the misuse of funds of the Niagara county fair, which was brought to light by a crash came were reported missing. recent investigation.

It is charged that for several years
the indicted men were connected with a

ployed in Hann's shoe store, was found the indicted men were connected with a at 8:30 o'clock this morning by search-cheme to divert moneys, intended for ers in the ruins.

While firemen and street department. o "dummy" exhibito...
lead men, for "exhibits." An ance of \$4,000 was made to the Niagara
A large part of this allowance was pald
out on fraudulent vouchers, it is said.
All the indicted men were officers or
directors of the agricultural society.

MAY AVOID MINE STRIKE.

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Own
Other Bodies Recovered.

LONDON, April 22.-A compromise i the dispute between English miners and their employers, eliminating the danger of a strike, is expected as a result of action taken here today. Intervention by the board of trade in the negotiations led to the holding in London of a conference among representa-tives of the miners' federation of Great ters, and Britain. Following this conference the federation officially requested the government to summon immediately a naernment to summon immediately a na-tional conference of mine owners and niners. It is taken for granted that this con-

caused the old wall to fall will be made, opinion being divided as to a lightning flash or high wind. erence will result in a compromise be-ween the demands of the men for an cent raise.

Thinks He Has Charmed Life.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., April 22 .-CRIPPLED CHILDREN HURT. William E. Stewart, a Baltimore and A dispatch to the Villa agency from Ohio railroad locomotive fireman, be Wagon in Which They Were Riding CLEVELAND, Ohio. April 22.-Eleven dered unconscious for four hours. He

deformed children on their way to a recovered, however, and feels no ill effects. Recently he was hurled from an engine when it blew up, but escaped school for cripples, were injured, three The agency made public the message as follows:

This (Wednesday) morning all the generals and officers of the ex-federal army who were not implicated in the uprising of February 18, 1913 (when Madero was deposed), appeared before the American consul in this city and protested against the stay of Victoriana Huerta, the assassin, in the United States.

This (Wednesday) morning all the death.

Believe Girl Assaulted and Killed.

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 22.—The body of Evelyn Steele, thirteen years old, daughter of Albert Seele of Muskagen, was found today partly burled. f them fatally, when the bus in which they were riding was struck by a street car here today. The fatally hurt are: Philip Carpell, eight; Theresa Berislavich, fifteen, and Francis Quinivan, ten years of age.

livan, ten years of age.

The attendant to the driver of the rig, Hezekiah Finn, seventy-two, was also badly hurt, and may die.

The wagon was thrown thirty feet by the car. A Sutton, the driver, said he saw the car coming, but was unable to stop his wagon because a crippled child had his foot on the brake, and it was impossible to reach the brake without pushing this child off the wagon. kegon, was found today partly buried

ENGLAND EXPECTS ITALY TO ACT SOON

Thinks Finishing Touches Are Being Put on War Preparations.

SENATOR CARAFA STIRS UP OFFICIALS AT ROME

Pessimistic Statement Leads to Reve lation That Austrian Negotiations Have Been Resumed.

LONDON, April 22 .- With almost daily conferences between cabinet members and high government officials, Italy is putting on the finishing touches to her preparations for entrance into the European war, on the side of the allies, it is believed in London.

A conference lasting three hours wa held by Premier Salandra, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Minister of War Zupelli, presumably to discuss measures relating to the defense of the country. Following the meeting in the morning of the council of ministers, the members is considered highly signifi-

Thinks Italy Will Not Act.

According to a dispatch from Turin the declaration was made by Former Premier Giovanni Giolitti that he does not consider negotiations between Italy and Austria have failed as yet and therefore does not believe Italy's intervention in the war is imminent. The Italian government has stoppe he transatlantic steamship services with the United States. Passengers who had irchased tickets have had their mone eturned to them. The Italian govern nent, the report says, requires all the

Pessimistic Forecast.

ROME. April 22.-The Messaggero publishes an interview with Senator Riccardo Carafa which gives a pessinistic forecast of the outcome of the egotiations between Italy and Austria The newspaper says the senator, who

FIVE ARE MISSING

High Wall, Falling During

Storm, Wrecks Two Stores

in Birmingham, Ala.

FIVE SERIOUSLY INJURED,

Lightning Flash or Strong Wind Be-

lieved to Have Been Cause.

Property Loss, \$60,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.-The

five-story wall of the old Steele-Smith

ouilding on 2d avenue crashed down on

Pacific Tea Company's store here late

vesterday afternoon. The wall fell dur-

Searchers continuing their work today

While firemen and street department

The other bodies recovered are those

of Alexander McLeod, manager of the shoe store; J. H. Whitlock of Atlanta,

traveling auditor of the Atlantic and

Dedman, cashier for tea store, and ar

unidentified negro. There are still five

people missing, including Mrs. M. T Martin and Mrs. John Harrington, sis-ters, and George W. Darnell, floor man-

ager of the shoe store. There are five seriously injured and about twenty others more or less injured.

Official investigation as to wha

The property loss is estimated at \$60,

In pulling down one of the old walls

Struck by Street Car.

this morning the rear wall of the smers Talloring Company built which fronts on 1st avenue, knocked down. No one was hurt.

Pacific Tea Company; Miss Mattie Lou

vill proceed with our duty against all

TWENTY SLIGHTLY HURT which "perhaps appeared to the senator more important than it really was." Premier Salandra, the statement con-Premier Salandra, the statement continues, simply undertook to transmit the memorandum to the foreign office. That department, out of pure courtesy, entertained Senator Carafa in a few minutes' conversation without "making

Censure for Carafa. Senator Carafa, the government communication concludes, "would have acted more correctly and more patriotically if he had maintained a con plete reserve regarding a conversation on such a delicate subject accorded him in consideration of his position." Much discussion has been aroused b

the interview with Senator Ca garding his conversation with Salandra. Comes at Wrong Time.

A careful inquiry regarding the in cident discloses that Senator Carafa talked with Prince von Buelow April 15, when negotiations between Italy and Austria were about to be broken off owing to the difficulty experienced in reaching a compromise. The Gerin reaching a compromise. The German ambassador was greatly disappointed, and expressed this feeling to Carafa. The latter, after discussing the question with other senators, considered it his duty to communicate to the premier the views of the German diplomat. About the same time persons at the foreign office observed that Prince von Buelow seemed more depressed when he left the room where he had been received by Foreign Minister Sonnino.

Since that time, however, there has been a break in what seemed a hope-in Petrograd.

Since that time, however, there has been a break in what seemed a hopeless deadlock in the negotiations. This evidently resulted from some concessions made either by Italy or Austria.

Senator Carafa therefore gave publicity to his interview with the premiter into nier just at a time when negotiations with Austria had been resumed, and when Prince von Buelow had again be-come hopeful that they would be suc-essful.

NEGOTIATIONS HELD UP.

Japan Again Postpones Discussion of Chinese Situation.

PEKING, April 22 .- Japan again postponed today resumption of the negotia-tions with China. The Japanese minister, Eki Hicki, informed the Chinese foreign minister, Lu Cheng-Hsiang that the session which was to have been held today must go over as he was still without instructions form

It is understood that the negotiations are being held up pending a decision by the Japanese government as to its policy, which is being discussed at Tokio by the cabinet and the elder statesmen.

Delaware Publisher Dies.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 22.-Samuel Bancroft, jr., one of Delaware's wealthy men, died in a hospital in Philadelphia today after an illness of a few weeks. He was president of the Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad Company, owner of the Wil-mington Every Evening and was ex-tensively interested in manufacturing and other enterprises in Delaware and other states.

FIGHT LIKE DEMONS TO RETAKE GROUND **BRITISH CAPTURED**

Germans Said to Have Lost **Heavily in Counter Attacks** at Hill 60.

ENGLISHMEN CLINGING **TENACIOUSLY TO POSITION**

End of Fighting Not in Sight, Though Casualties Run Into Thousands.

FIGHTING GOES ON IN EAST

Austrians Reported Routed by Russians in Bayonet Attack-Large Number of Prisoners

Taken.

LONDON, April 22.-Hill No. 60. dominating an area to the southeast of Ypres, continues to be the storm center of the western front, with the British clinging tenaciously to the ground taken by assault last Saturday. Counter attack after counter attack, in which the Germans have fought like demons, has been so far successfully repulsed, but the British hold is still disputed by the Germans, and the end of the lively and costly fighting is not

yet in sight. The British losses have not been announced, but they are estimated at well over 2,000. The

The newspaper says the senator, who is a frequent caller at the house of Prince von B. low, the German ambassador to Rome, makes the statement that he heard from the prince "a confession" which was substantially as follows:

"Unfortunately the Italian-Austrian conversations are not proceeding satisfactorily. Their failure will be followed by a rupture between Rome and Vienna. This will be regretted in Germany. I am sorry to affirm that in this sad eventuality Germany will do her duty to the end by the side of Austria."

"Premier Not Supposed" Premier Not Surprised.

Continuing. Senator Carafa declares that he repeated his conversation to Premier Salandra, who did not seem surprised at it. On the contrary, he said to the senator: "Impelled by the paramount interests of our country, we will proceed with our duty against all

French Forces in Drive. An official statement issued by the Italian government says that Senator Carafa asked for an interview with Premier Salandra, saying that he wished to present to the prime minister The French drive in the direction of past several days the French force have made a gain which extends over a continuous front of one-half mile, ac

cording to the French official statecording to the French official statement.

While renorting artillery engagements and infantry fighting at several points, the French report their chief success in the most recent fighting as laving been gained north of Flirey, where another German trench was taken and connected with the others which have been seized during the period that steady pressure has been brought upon the kaiser's men.

Germans Claim Foes' Repulse.

Fighting of strenuous character has een going on in the region between the Meuse and Moselle, according to the official German statement issued today. After a surprise attack French forces are said to have advanced in the western part of the wood in the forest of Le Pretre, but were finally repulsed with heavy losses.
On the northern border of Hartmans-

Austrians in Offensive.

Thrown back from the principal sum-

Russians Rout Enemy.

The tactics of the Russian forces were to invite the enemy to advance by non-resistance. Not a shot was fired until the range was very close. The Russlans then suddenly charged The Russians then suddenly charged with the bayonet, with the result that the Austrians were completely routed, the Russians taking an unusually large number of prisoners.

By the same tactics the Russians near Polen captured an entire Austrian battalion with its full complement of offi-

A stubborn battle near Koziouvka April 19 and April 20 serves to give an idea of the intensity of the Carpa-thian fighting. After a sustained as-sault the Austrians succeeded in taking an elevated position in the face of a strong Russian defense, but after two

strong Russian defense, but after two hours of possession they were forced to abandon the position won with so much difficulty.

Other Austrian efforts along the River Stry which form part of this same movement are continuing to develop, but so far without decisive results.

The Reuter Telegram Company has received from Petrograd the following semi-official statement:

"From April 6 to 19, at Myszynice (near the East Prussian frontier) and in the direction of Lomza and Stawiski, there was a duel of heavy artillery, in which the Russians had the advantage, silencing one of the enemy's batteries. In the direction of Lomza two enemy batteries suffered severely, as well as a train of artillery caissons in the region of Stawiski and a convoy on the Kolno road.

Reserve Trains Damaged:

"Thanks to efficient aeroplane work, our guns often at a distance of twelve versts (eight miles) inflicted great